## **CURRENT NEWS** IN BOTETOURT

Telephone Companies Destroyers of Many Shade Trees.

#### RAINBOW TROUT AND PERCH

Mill Owner Improves His Dam and Will Stock the Pond With Fine Fish.

(Special to The Times-Disputch.)
BLUE RIDGE SPRINGS, VA., November 19.-The buzz of the political cyclone of last week reminds many of the profane parrot, whose owner sought to break from swearing, by doucing him with a bucket of water and then whirling the cage around in rapid rotation and suddenly placing it down; hoping that it would stop his profanity, but his lardship shook the water from his ruffled feathers, and with one eye cocked, asked

his owner;

"Where in the h— were you when the eyelone struck us?"

The unfortunates who wagered their money on the result, feel as much disgusted as the owner of the parrot.

Those interested in shade trees along the public highways should do something to check their destruction by the telephone companies. Wherever a tree bough approaches their wires, they do not chop the limb off, but deliberately chop down the treet. In driving along the turnpike, hetween this point and Montvale, I observe that a number of fine trees have been wantonly destroyed.

The long drought has apparently destroyed the young grass that had made a fine start, by the continuos rains in early summer, but since the recent rain and fall of snow, it has made encouraging signs of returning life, much to the com-

and fall of snow, it has made encouraging signs of returning life, much to the comfort and joy of the farmer who had expended the cash for seed and fertilizer.

Mr. Marshall J. Refley, the enterprising merchant and mill owner here, has made a great improvement to his property by enlarging his dam, so as to give much greater water power in the operation of his grist mill. Moreover, it is his intention to stock the pond with rainbow trout and perch, which will prove a great attraction to the disciples of Bir Izac Walton, who requent this popular summer who requent this popular summer

resort.

The recent advance in the price of iron has encouraged the owners of the large ore property here to commence work again. The "shut down" early has summer thereby throwing out of emiloyment a number of laborers, who now hall with delight the prospect of carning their daily hread during the signs of approaching winter. The only expensence of inconvenience to these men, in the several winter months, is in walking to and from venience to these men, in the several winter months, is in walking to and from the works, as the ore is mined from tunnels far beneath the slope of the mountain, and the temperature is warm and pleasant in winter and cool in summer. An enterprising Lynchburg firm has recently been prospecting around here for clay, suitable for making the finest quality of preased brick, and feel encouraged over the samples obtained.

Heretofore they hive had to purchase this quality of brick from Indiana.

The Ridgemont Cement Works, only a short distance away, is turning out targe quantities of a high grade article, which is much in demand.

An interesting feature of the migratory



odds, In Blue Grass only will

you find,

A whiskey for the gods.

# Old Barbee Whiskey

Bottled in Bond Hand-made by the famous old process that brings the natural flavorto perfection.

Ask for "Old Barbee." See that

Government stamp is over cork.

Jno. T. Barbee & Co., Louisville, Ky. THALHIMER'S.

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# The Greatest Coat Purchase in Years

One of the biggest lots of Women's Coats that ever came into this house arrived last week. Came fresh from one of the country's leading makers, who took a tremendous loss because of the backwardness of the season.

Stylish Coats---every one of them---All made of excellent fabrics.

Girls' School Coats, size 6 years to 14, of fancy zibelines, colors green, brown, and blue, shoulder capes trimmed with velvet and braid, new sleeve and butcher back, with belt, regular \$5.98 value, special

Ladies' 27-inch Covert Coats, fitted and loose backs, lined tthroughout, and 42-inch coats, tourist effects in mannish mixtures, regular

Ladies' and Misses' 42-inch Coats, mannish mixtures, lined to walst, tourist effect; also several styles in Plain Kersey and Covert; fitted and semi-fitted backs, with or without collars; regular \$10 values,

Ladies' and Misses' Covert Coats, 27-inch and 30-inch length, satin lined, corset and tourist effect; also 45-inch Coats in nobby mixtures and the popular Coverts; regular \$12.50 values, special at . . . . \$10.00

Rain Coats, in rain-proof mixtures, cravanettes, and coverts, plaited back, with belt, collarless and coat collars, full sleeves, all the sensonable shades, \$10.00, \$12.50, and.......\$15.00

Nobby Rain Coats, in best quality cravanettes, checks, and herringbone effects, plaited and box plaited styles, also blouse fronts, with shirred backs, all new models represented, \$15.00, \$20.00,



### Unmatchable Silk Values

We Offer the Following Unmatchable Values in Silks. These Lucky Opportunities in Seasonable Silks.

Plaid Silks; although we have sold out many yards of these, yet some choice patterns left. Our prices will suit you, 50 

Drapery Silks in some very pretty figures, many beautiful fancy

Corduroys in colors and black. We can give you 75c, and \$1.00 quali-

### Thanksgiving Sale of **Table Linens**

\$1.28 per yard for a double heavy All Linen Damask, newest patterns and very wide, the \$1.50 grade.

24-inch Napkins, extra weight, a value never before offered you; the 

Damask Lunch Cloths, from 50c. up to the finest quality.

72-inch Mercerized Damask in the newest patterns, per yard, 65c
64-inch Mercerized Damask, beautiful patterns, to be sold, par 

### Are You Buying Blankets, Comforts or Curtains?.

If so, we are offering some special inducements in these goods.

Blankets Blankets, good quality, in white worth \$4, at, per pair....\$2.98 Splendid quality 11-4 Wool Blanket, \$5.00 value for, per All-Wool Blankets, 11-4 size, California Wool in red and white, exceptional value......\$4.98
11-4 California Wool Blanket,
satin taped, select wool, in red
and white and blue border, cheap

at \$7.50, value, for .... \$6.00 White Spreads

Full size Crochet Spreads, worth \$1.25, for..... \$1.00 Honey-Comb Bed Spreads, double-bed size, in very pretty pat-terns, real value \$2.00, each

Bedding

Full size Comfortables, covered with dark and light prints, a splendid value for little money 

Colored Muslin Curtains At less than half price.

One lot of Muslin Curtains, in very pretty patterns, 3 1-2 yards long, that sold for \$1.50, \$2.00, and \$2.50 pair, to be sold at, per 

### Men's Underwear Specials

Men's Fine Ribbed Gray Shirts and Drawers, this sale .......45c Men's \$1.00 Lamb's Wool Fleece-lined Shirts and Drawers, each, 690 Men's Heavy Fleece-lined double back and front...........48c Men's \$1.00 White Wool Shirts and Drawers..................59c \$1.00 Pure Lamb's Wool Medium Weight Drawers............50c \$1.00 White Wool Drawers, large sizes.................25c

#### Reliable Furs Moderately Priced

Sable, Opossum and Isabella Opossum Scarfs, cluster of tails. . \$5.00 Sable Fox and Isabella Fox Animal Scarfs, large brush tails .. \$7.48 Sable Opossum and Isabella Opossum Stole Collarettes, satin Martin Stoles and Collarettes, with stoles ends, \$10.00 and . . \$12.50 Natural Marten Stoles and Shawl Collarettes, with stole ends,

Double Fox Scarfs, select skins, \$15.00 to ..... \$40.00 

### **Nobby Tailored Suits**

Critical buyers who have inspected all the different lines tell us that our Suits have better style, are better tailored and worth considerably more than the suits usually shown. Velvets and Crushed Velours—the Very Latest in Suits.

Ladies' and Misses' Tourist Suits, 42-inch coats, satin lined, belt across back, pleated skirts, in blue, brown and gray; nobby mixtures, Ladies' and Misses' Suits of Imported Worsteds, tucked, 30-inch coat,

Handsome Broadcloth Suits, navy, black and brown, strapped seams,

piped with taffeta, 30-inch coat, velvet vest, full siceves, turn-back cuffs, beautifully tailored, good value at \$25.00; our price......\$20.00 Nobby Suits of Cheviot and Imported Suitings, box coats, semi-fitted backs, trimmed around neck and vest of contrasting shade, high kilted

As he closed his address, Major-General Gillespie turned to the American Gillespie turned to the Ambassadress, and, offering her his arm, escorted her to the edge of the statue where were fast-ended the silken cords atached to the ended the silken cords atached to the American and German flogs in which it was shrouded. Gripping the cords firmly, one in each hand, the Ambassacress had but to give one tug before the silken folds loosened from around the flgure of Frederick the Great. Straight-away twenty trumpeters of the army drawn up in front of the President's stand sounded a militury blare of welcome-one prolonged note-and as the flegs slowly parted, the American to the right, and the German to the left, the Murine Band struck up the German national anthem.

Instead of falling to the pedestal the Instead of failing to the pecessal the flags, by an engenous device, were holsted to the top of the flag poles, on either side of the statue and unfuried to the breeze amid the inspiring melody of the German hymn. The Ambassadress was gowned in gray velvet and wore a hat of chinchilla.

Charcoal is a remedy that the more you take of it the better; it is not a drug at all, but simply absorbs the gases and impurities always present in the stomach and intestines and carries them out of the system.

he system, Charcoal sweetens the breath after smoking, drinking or after eating onlons and other odorous vegetables. Unarcoal effectually clears and improves the complexion; it whitens the teeth, and further acts as a natural and eminently

safe cathartic.

It absorbs the injurious gases which collect in the stomach and bowels; it disinfects the mouth and throat from the

infects the mouth and throat from the poison of catarrh.

All druggists sell charcoal in one form or another, but probably the best charcoal and the most for the money is in fluart's Churcoal Lozenges; they are composed of the finest powdered Willow charcoal and other harmless antiseptics, in tablet form, or rather in the form of large, pleasant-tasting lozenges, the charcoal being mixed with honey.

The daily use of these lozenges will soon tell in a much improved condition of the general health, better complexion, sweeter breath and purer blood, and the beauty of it is that no possible harm can

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Sternburg's Speech.

Licutemant-General von Loewenfeld was then presented by the master of ceremonles, and, as the special commissioner of the German Damperor, transferred the statue to the euslody of His Madesty's personal envey, Baron Sternburg, the German Ambasador, The Licutemant-General briefly addressed the Ambassador.

Baron Sternburg presented a striking arpearance in his sky-blue uniform with silver trimmings and high boots and wearing the tartar cap of ermine adorned.

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befonged to the ancient and illustrious House of Hohenzollern, which, after playing a strong and virile part in the middle ages, and after producing some men, like the great Elector, who were among the meet famous princes of their time, founded the royal house of Prussia two centuries ago, and at last in our own day established the mighty German Empire as among the foremest of world powers. We receive this gift now at the ers. We receive this gift now at the hands of the present Emperor, himself a man who has markedly added to the man who has markedly added to the lister of his great house and his great nation, a man who has devoted his life to the welfare of his people, and who, while keeping ever ready to parend the rights of that people, has also made it evident in emphatic fashion that he and they desire peace and triendship with the other nations of the earth.

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It is not my purpose here to discuss at length the career of the mighty King and mighty General, whose statue we have just received. In all history no other great commander save only Hannibal fought so long against such terrible odls, and while Hannibal faulty railed, Prederick finally triumphed, in almost every battle he fought against great odds, and he almost always won the victory. When defeated he rose to an even greater allitude than when victorious. The memory of the Seven Years' war will last as long as their lives in mankind the love of heroism, and its operations will be studied to the minutest dead as long as the world sees a solder worthy of the name. It is difficult to know whether to admire most the victories of Leuthen the world sees a soldler worthy of the sharp line between the various elements; name. It is difficult to know whether but there is no student of our national to admire most the victories of Leuthen, conditions who has falled to appreciate.

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the English at Jamestown marked the beginning of what has since grown into the United States.

During these three centuries streams of newcomers from many different countries abroad have in each generation cantributed to swell the increase of our peotributed to swell the increase of our peo-ple. Soon after the English settled in Virginia and New England, the Hol-lander settled at the mouth of the Hud-son and the Swede at the mouth of the Delaware. Even in colonial cays the German element had become very strong among our people in various parts of this country; the Irish element was predomi-nant in the foothills of the Alleghenics; nant in the foothills of the Allegienies; French Huguenots were numerous. By the time of the Desiration of Independence that process of fusion which has gone on ever since was well under way. From the beginning of our national history men of German origin or German parentage played a distinguished part in the affairs both of peace and of war. In the Revolutionary War one of the leading generals was Mullenberg, an American of German descent, just as among can of German descent, just as among the soldlers from abroad who came to the soldlers from abroad who came to aid us one of the most prominent was the German, Steuben. Muhlenberg was the first speaker of the House of Representatives; and the battle which in the Reyolution saved the vailey of the Mohawk to the American cause was fought under the lead of the German, Harkinger. As all the different races here tand rapidly to fuse together, it is rarely possible after one or two generations to draw a sharp line between the various elements;

Is the case it is natural that we should have a peculifit feeling of nearness to each of many peoples across the water. We most curnestly wish not only to keep unbroken our triendship for each, but so far as we can without giving offense by an appearance of meddling, to seek to bring about a better understanding and a broader spirit of fairdealing and toleration among all nations. It has been my tion among all nations. It has been my great pleasure, Mr. Ambassador, in pur-suance of this object, recently to take suance of this object, recently to take with you the first stops in the negotiation of a dreaty of friendly arbitration between Germany and the United States.

In closing, let me thank you, and throughly you the German Emperor and the German people, for this statue, which I accept in the name of the American people; a people claiming blood kinship with your own; a people cwing much to Germany; a people cwing much to Germany; a people, which, though with a national history far shorter than that of your people, nevertheless, like your people, is proud of the great deeds of its past, and is confident in the majesty of its future. I most carnestly pray that in the coming years these two great mations shall move on toward their several destinies knit together by ties of the heartlest friendship and good will.

Concluding Exercises.

Led by the President, the assemblage arose and with uncovered heads, remained at standing throughout the playing of "America" by the Marine Band.

The next address on the programme was law special request of the President, who was presented, after the playing of "Hall Columbia," and made a short address.

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He was recently promoted to the com-mand of the first division of the Prussian

Guards.

Major Eberhard Count von Schmettow, the other special commissioner, is also the son of a distinguished soldier, his father having led the Bismarck Culras-

